REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Examiner's Office Action dated December 15, 2009. The Office Action allowed Claims 28-32 and 39-42, but maintained the rejection of Claims 33-38. Specifically, the Office Action maintained the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of Claims 33-38 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action also offered suggested amendments to overcome this rejection. Applicant is grateful for the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicant has narrowed Claims 33-38 to magnetic storage media as suggested in the Office Action. In light of these amendments, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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